

What is claimed is:

1. An image reproduction apparatus comprising:

a plurality of image storage devices;

an image display device; and

5 an image reproduction device coupled between the image storage devices and the image display device to sequentially reproduce serial image data sets obtained from the image storage devices on the image display device;

said image reproduction device comprising:

10 input means connected with said plurality of image storage devices for inputting serial image data sets from the image storage devices;

reading means for reading the serial image data sets from one of the image storage devices;

15 boundary detection means for finding a boundary of the serial image data sets read from the image storage device by the reading means;

storage device search means for searching the image storage devices for the image storage device that stores serial image data sets to be continued from the boundary of the serial image data sets found by the boundary detection means;

20 switching means for switching the image storage device read by the reading means to the image storage device searched for by the storage device search means when the boundary of the serial image data sets is detected by the boundary detection means; and

reproduction means for enabling sequential reproduction

of the serial image data sets read by the reading means on said image display device.

2. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

5 one of the image storage devices is an image storage server for storing the image data sets by being connected to a network, and

the reading means is able to read the image data sets stored in the image storage server via the network.

10 3. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein said image reproduction device further comprises user information sending means for sending user information to the image storage server for identifying a user of the image data sets stored in the image storage server, and

15 the reading means reads only the image data sets corresponding to the user information from the image storage server.

4. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the reproduction means is able to reproduce the image data sets preceding the boundary and the image data sets following the boundary in one and the same screen of the display device.

20 5. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the respective image storage devices record the image data sets by associating the image data sets and record at least one of the associated image data sets as representative image data and wherein

the reproduction means is able to reproduce the image data sets that are associated with each other when the representative image data thereof are specified.

6. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 3  
5 wherein said image reproduction device further comprises management means for collectively managing the image data sets that are associated with each other among the image data sets stored in the image storage devices, and

the reproduction means is able to collectively reproduce  
10 the image data sets that are associated with each other.

7. The image reproduction apparatus according to Claim 3 wherein said image reproduction device further comprises reception means for receiving a control code for specifying the image data sets to be reproduced from a reproduction image  
15 specification device, and

the reproduction means is able to reproduce the image data sets according to the control code.

8. A program that causes a computer to have functions of:  
connection means for connecting a plurality of image  
20 storage devices;

reading means for reading serial image data sets from one of the image storage devices;

boundary detection means for finding a boundary of the serial image data sets read from the image storage device by the  
25 reading means;

storage device search means for searching the image storage

devices for the image storage device that stores serial image data sets to be continued from the boundary of the serial image data sets found by the boundary detection means;

switching means for switching the image storage device read  
5 by the reading means to the image storage device searched for  
by the storage device search means when the boundary of the serial  
image data sets is detected by the boundary detection means; and  
reproduction means for enabling sequential reproduction of the  
serial image data sets read by the reading means on a display  
10 device.